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The Honorable Chairman and Members of  
the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission  
Kekuanaoa Building  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Commissioners:

RE: Docket No. 05-0315 -- Application of Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc.  
for Approval of Rate Increases and Revised Rate Schedule

This letter responds to Keahole Defense Coalition's ("KDC") Motion to Amend Order No. 22663 to Allow [KDC] Greater Participation in the Current Rate Case ("Motion") filed on April 17, 2007. By its Motion, KDC requests that the Commission "amend Order No. 22663 to allow KDC to present testimony at an evidentiary hearing before the Public Utilities Commission on points raised in its position statement other than adjustments for AFUDC." Motion at 3.

After discussions with KDC's counsel about KDC's concerns, it appears that KDC's reasons for filing the Motion were twofold. First, it was unsure whether its position statement filed on February 20, 2007 would be considered as part of the record for this proceeding, and was under the mistaken impression that an evidentiary hearing was necessary to introduce its position statement into the record as "evidence" to be considered by the Commission. Second, KDC had a desire to respond to discrete portions of the rebuttal testimonies filed by Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. ("HELCO") on March 27, 2007.

The Consumer Advocate desires to work with KDC to provide it every opportunity to fully present its views on the issue to which it was allowed to participate. Accordingly, the Consumer Advocate proposes the following amendment to the regulatory schedule, which KDC acknowledges will satisfy the requests made in its Motion. KDC advised the Consumer Advocate that it agrees that by this response, it is withdrawing its Motion, its Partial Objections by [KDC] to the Stipulation Entered into by [HELCO and the Consumer Advocate] Dated

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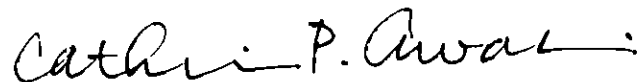
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April 11, 2007, and its letter transmitting such filings, since the proposed amendment to the regulatory schedule will satisfy its Motion and the reasons underlying the filing of such Motion.

The Consumer Advocate respectfully requests that the Commission amend the regulatory schedule to allow KDC to file a position statement in response to HELCO's rebuttal testimonies on April 30, 2007, which shall be limited to twenty pages ("KDC's Second Statement of Position").<sup>1</sup> In addition, we respectfully request that the Commission allow the Consumer Advocate and HELCO to respond to KDC's Second Statement of Position, if they so deem necessary. Such filing shall be made on May 11, 2007 and shall similarly be limited to twenty pages. At the Consumer Advocate's urging, KDC and HELCO do not object to the additional filings described above. Moreover, in the interests of time, KDC and HELCO indicated to the Consumer Advocate that it would be preferable for the Consumer Advocate to file this letter addressing KDC's Motion, obviating the need to file additional responses to such Motion, and allowing the Commission to address the parties' and participant's requests without delay.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 586-2770. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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<sup>1</sup> The Consumer Advocate notes that it does not intend to file a statement of position in response to either KDC's first statement of position or to HELCO's rebuttal testimonies.